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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, D/E/RR

SUBJECT: DD/P Interest in Production of Intelligence on  
Soviet Trade Tactics

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25X1A9a 1. At the invitation of [REDACTED], I attended yesterday a conference in the office of [REDACTED]. Present were: [REDACTED]. The purpose of this meeting was to discuss the availability of intelligence and/or information on specific instances of Soviet bloc intransigence in the trade field, e.g., Soviet non-fulfillment of trade contracts. According to the PP/Econ representatives, such information is required in countering at the non-governmental level recent Soviet propaganda as to the benefits to be derived by the West in trading with the Soviet bloc.

2. Those present agreed that a great quantity of material of a popular nature, as well as intelligence material of the NIE-59 and NIE 10-54 type, is available. They feel, however, that the general conclusions presented in these various articles and studies are not supported by the specific facts required by PP/Econ in their proposed counter-propaganda effort.

3. I was asked to comment on facilities available in ORR, OIR and through the IWG to produce the information they desire. My reply was in general and qualified terms.

25X1A9a 4. For your information, the PP/Econ members agreed among themselves that [REDACTED] would prepare a memorandum through Mr. Wisner to Mr. Amory requesting an ORR effort to prepare, on a continuing basis, reports which would support the PP/Econ effort.

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Executive Secretary  
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